



May 20, 2013

Mignon Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Globalstar Petition for Rulemaking; RM-11685

Dear Chairwoman Clyburn:

I am the Principal Communications Engineer for the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the country's largest state public power organization, producing some of the lowest cost electricity in the America. I write in support of the referenced petition for the FCC to consider Globalstar's request for a rulemaking to provide terrestrial services over its MSS spectrum.

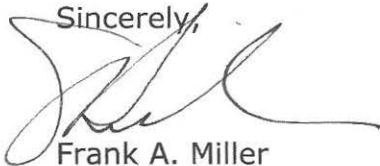
We rely upon the services of various satellite-based communications companies including Globalstar to ensure that we are never out of communication capabilities regardless of when or where a natural or man-made disaster should strike. Recently, during and immediately after Hurricane Sandy, our only means of communication into or out of our facilities located on Long Island was via satellite, over Globalstar's network.

In addition to NYPA's reliance upon mobile satellite services, recent severe flooding has rendered most all terrestrial communication networks inoperable in the Blenheim-Gilboa community located south west of Albany. This is also the area of one of our major power plants. As a result, NYPA has encouraged wireless providers to enter and provide communications to the local community, essential services as well as local businesses. We understand that Crown Castle has recently constructed two towers in the area for the provision of potential mobile communications services. Yet, the area is still without much hope for restoration of communications service, near term. Globalstar's provision of access points to bring Wi-Fi like connectivity to this area would be greatly appreciated.

The Federal Communications Commission should begin a rulemaking to permit Globalstar to provide terrestrial services over its MSS spectrum, so that NYPA and all other Globalstar customers can receive mobile satellite services free-of-charge in federally declared disaster areas and perhaps provide a mobile satellite solution to the communications needs of communities such as Blenheim-Gilboa.

On behalf of NYPA, we look forward to the Federal Communications Commission commencing a rulemaking to bring these positive developments to our operating areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Miller', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Frank A. Miller